



Alpha Phi Omega
 University of Iowa
 Iowa Memorial Union
 Student Organization Offices Suite
 Iowa City, IA 52242

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Dear Scoutmaster,

Alpha Phi Omega is a national co-ed service fraternity founded in 1925 on the principles of Scouting. Keeping with our Scouting heritage and spirit of service, the chapter hosts youth achievement days every year. Last year, our chapter served over 1000 youth from the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts in two separate events. This year, we hope to continue these traditions and bring more university resources together. At each of our workshops, boys will try and complete as many requirements for their badge of choice as possible during the allotted time, while still giving each requirement the time it deserves. As in the past, we will be offering adult training.

This year's workshop choices include:	Art	Aviation	Chemistry	Citizenship in the Nation
Citizenship in the World	Disability Awareness	Emergency Preparedness*	Energy	Fingerprinting
First Aid	Law	Medicine	Radio	Salesmanship
Space Exploration				

*Requires the completion of First Aid to be enrolled

A brother of Alpha Phi Omega or a community member will be teaching each badge. APO will also be providing the blue cards for each workshop. Merit Badge University will be held on Saturday, March 3rd.

The schedule is as follows:

8:45 AM – 9:15 AM Registration

9:30 AM – 12 noon Scout Class

12 noon – 1 PM Lunch**

1 PM – 3:30 PM Scout Class

****PLEASE NOTE:** Scouts are responsible for lunch on their own, and will be released directly from class. Please make appropriate arrangements for meeting as a troop in advance. A list of area eating establishments will be made available when you check-in at the event. There will also be facilities available to sit and eat if your troop chooses to bring lunch, but there is to be no food or drink in the University buildings. If your troop will be traveling to Iowa City the night before or staying the night after and would like a recommendation for a hotel, please contact us.

This year we will be using the website www.meritbadge.info. The link to event is:

<http://meritbadge.info/mbn/EventDetails.aspx?ID=480E46D6-E10A-460C-9E4D-891CF3C802B5>

In order to sign up for our event you first need to click on enter registration system, by clicking on that a new page will appear that will show all of the events that are available. In the upper right hand of the new page there is the option to register new users. If you are new to the website you must sign up as a troop leader, in order to register your scouts. Once you are registered in the system you can sign up for the event. The event is entitled MBU at the University of Iowa.

Registration fee is \$10.00 per Scout per class and the deadline is February 21st. e.g. If a student takes Energy in the morning, and chemistry in the afternoon, that is a total of \$20. If a student just takes a whole day class, like First Aid, that only costs \$10. Sessions are marked on the event as 0 for all day, 1 for morning, and 2 for the afternoon.

The fee includes all supplies needed for the classes and a participation patch for each Scout.

Registrations after February 21st will inquire a \$5 late fee for a total of \$15 per class.

Make checks payable to: Alpha Phi Omega, Omicron Chapter.

Even though the registration is online the checks still need to be mailed. Please send the payment to

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Please remember that this is a Boy Scout event and **we ask that each troop provide 2 adults to follow Youth Protection Guidelines** (troops who do not follow these guidelines might not be asked to return in the future). After your registration is received and processed, we will be sending a confirmation along with each Scout's workshop assignment, important updates and other useful information. If changes need to be made in registration numbers, please contact me immediately, but changes cannot be guaranteed due to the sheer volume of Scouts.

We look forward to seeing you and your troop on March 3rd ! Please feel free contact me through email with any questions or concerns.

Yours in Leadership, Fellowship, and Service,
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